

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6 were rejected.

Claims 7-10 were objected to.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

Claims 6 and 7 are cancelled in favor of allowable claim 1.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 remain in the case for consideration.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended to include all of its previous limitations plus those of claims 6 and 7. Withdrawal of the rejection for claim 1 is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 1 is amended to include all of its previous limitations plus those of claims 6 and 7. Withdrawal of the rejection for claim 1 is requested.

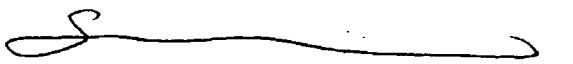
Also, claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and inherently include all of the limitations of the base claim. As discussed above, the prior art does not teach the limitations of the base claim much less the further embodiments of the dependent claims. Therefore, claims 2-5 are allowable for their dependency and their own merits. Allowance of these claims is requested.

Claim 6 has been cancelled, as explained above.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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